

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

The present invention relates to a composite prosthesis (~~17~~) for reinforcement of a tissue structure, ~~comprising~~ including a porous textile support (~~1~~) which includes an arrangement of threads each composed of at least one filament of nonabsorbable polymer material, said textile support defining a microporous texture ~~comprising~~ including the interstices located between at least two threads at the sites of contact of one thread with at least one other thread, wherein, in at least one protected zone (~~18~~) of the textile support, a hydrophilic absorbable material coats the textile support, forming a film enveloping and penetrating into the arrangement of threads, occluding at least the microporous texture, but without forming a plane layer covering at least one face of the textile support.

It also relates to a process for preparing such a composite reinforcement prosthesis.

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